

wished to see our collapse. Their intent was not only to kill thousands of innocent civilians, but also to strike fear in the hearts of all Americans. These ruthless murderers thought they could break us, but they underestimated the will of the American people.

The morning that war was brought to our soil, we stood up as one proud Nation and declared that we will not allow those that use tools of terror and death to change who we are as Americans.

Mr. Speaker, 5 years later we remain steadfastly committed to our battle against an enemy who wishes to use terror to destroy democracy and freedom.

May God continue to richly bless the United States of America.

IMPRISONMENT OF CONG THANH DO BY SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

(Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, on August 14, the communist government in Vietnam arrested an American, my constituent, Cong Thanh Do, while he was visiting as a tourist in Vietnam with his family. It took a full week for the State Department to even be notified of his arrest, and more than 2 weeks before the Vietnamese Government even allowed the State Department to meet with Mr. Do.

The State Department has repeatedly assured me that Mr. Do is nothing more than a peaceful democracy and human rights activist who has written articles posted on the Internet while he was living in the United States.

The Socialist Republic of Vietnam has had the gall to keep this American citizen imprisoned and incommunicado for nearly a month. At the same time, they are making gestures to the United States of America suggesting that they should have permanent normal trade relations with us.

It is absolutely unbelievable that the communist government would think we would entertain that while they keep our American locked up.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we marked the fifth anniversary of an unparalleled tragedy in our Nation's history.

On September 11, 2001, we were suddenly made aware of our vulnerability to a new and dangerous enemy, an enemy that attacked the World Trade Center in 1993, our embassies across Africa in 1998, and the USS Cole in 2000.

Charity poured from the hearts of every American and from allies around the world. Firefighters and law en-

forcement personnel heroically put their lives at risk to save our countrymen. We were united in the resolve to defeat those who terrorized us.

Five years and one day removed from September 11, Islamic militants today stormed the U.S. Embassy in Syria. While we are thankful no Americans were harmed, this attack serves as a sober reminder that we are in a global war with Islamofascists. We must maintain our commitments to protect American families and seek justice for those who seek death to America.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair must remind Members not to traffic the well while another Member is addressing the House.

COMANDANTE CALDERON, ANOTHER FOX

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, more news from the second front, the border war continues. He is not even in office yet, but he is already planning the invasion into America like Generalissimo Fox did.

Commander Felipe Calderon's election is being disputed and his opponent is trying to set up a parallel government. But his top concern is what many Americans call our biggest crisis, illegal entry into the United States.

Instead of dealing with the turmoil, corruption and economic problems in Mexico, Calderon is vowing to push immigration amnesty through our Congress by letting millions of Mexicans into the United States.

Generalissimo Fox tried unsuccessfully to intimidate Congress by pushing an amnesty bill, but Commander Calderon is even more arrogant by telling the press the White House is even on board.

This undeclared war against the United States results in making Mexico's problem an American problem.

Our Nation needs to understand that we are being invaded, and we must be engaged in this undeclared war by having the moral will to protect our borders.

And that's just the way it is.

COMMENDING CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend and salute the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; its chairman, Representative KENDRICK

MEEK; and President, Dr. Elsie Scott on an outstanding weekend of policy discussions and other meaningful educational and social activity.

Much of the credit for this year's success goes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE), conference co-chairs.

I also commend all of those who attended and thank all of the experts and leaders who led the discussion. It was a great weekend. Hats off to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

FIGHTING TERRORISM

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, last night our President gave a prime time address for the remembrance of September 11, and I know the media is working overtime right now criticizing that speech and saying it was political.

I would suggest it is the media and not the American people who are fixated on that. The American people want to know what we are doing to make this Nation more secure. I don't think the speech was overtly political, but let's say for the sake of argument that it was.

Now, Mr. Speaker, there are two political parties voting on these security measures, and it boils down to this: you either support the PATRIOT Act legislation or you don't. You either support terrorist surveillance and terrorist tribunals or you don't. You either support aggressively fighting terrorists by using our military or you don't.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans voted for these measures. We supported them. And some across the aisle voted for them too; but, the liberals in the Democratic Party don't support these measures; and in my opinion, yes, that would make them weak on security. That is not a partisan political statement; it's the truth.

NATIONAL SECURITY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Republicans' determination for complete success in the war on terror and the policies we are putting forth to prevent further terrorist attacks.

The great statesman, Winston Churchill, said: "Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on the strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter. The statesman who yields to war fever must realize that once the signal is given, he is no longer the master of policy but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrollable events."

Republicans are committed to defending our Nation from further terrorist attacks and are taking the initiative to vote in the coming weeks on two important pieces of legislation integral to fighting the war on terror. We will vote to authorize the terrorist surveillance program that monitors calls only from known or suspected terrorists outside of our country to cells within the United States. We will also vote to authorize military tribunals for known or suspected terrorists. It is commonsense justice to try terrorists under military tribunals rather than afford them a trial in the criminal court, a part of our very life-style they are trying to destroy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

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LARRY COX POST OFFICE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5434) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 South Walnut Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, as the "Larry Cox Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5434

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LARRY COX POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 South Walnut Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the "Larry Cox Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Larry Cox Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5434 offered by the distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) would designate the post office building in Chillicothe, Ohio, as the Larry Cox Post Office.

Larry Cox began his career with the Chillicothe police department in 1986. From that point until his untimely death in April of 2005, he devoted himself to protecting and improving the community around him. He served as a DARE officer for city and parochial schools teaching students about the dangers of drug use, and made a positive impact on their lives that really is immeasurable. He devoted much of his personal time to mentoring students and greatly enjoyed chaperoning school dances and functions.

The day of Officer Cox's death is marked both by his courage and his commitment to the police force. He was off duty, but he did not hesitate to come to the aid of fellow officers who were pursuing a fleeing suspect. The suspect shot and killed Officer Cox, and he will be deeply missed by his family and the community of Chillicothe, Ohio.

In recognition of this brave officer, I hope that all Members will join me in naming the Chillicothe postal facility in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the House Government Reform Committee, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 5434, which names a postal facility in Chillicothe, Ohio, after Officer Larry Cox. H.R. 5434 was introduced by Representative ROBERT NEY on May 19, 2006.

This measure, which was unanimously reported by the Government Reform Committee on June 8, 2006, was cosponsored by the entire Ohio Congressional delegation. Officer Cox, a member of the Chillicothe police department for 19 years, was serving as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education, DARE officer, at the time of his death. Although off duty, Officer Cox was shot and killed on April 25, 2005, as he chased and confronted a robbery suspect.

Mr. Speaker, I support this measure as a fitting tribute to the service and bravery of Officer Larry Cox and urge its passage.

I don't believe that I am going to have any additional speakers on this item and therefore yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to yield as much time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Ohio (Mr. NEY), the author of this bill.

Mr. NEY. I want to thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for bringing this bill forth

and my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), for supporting this important bill, important not only to the memory of Officer Larry Cox, but important to the memory of law enforcement also.

Yesterday was, of course, the anniversary of 9/11, and so many people, Mr. Speaker, tragically lost their lives, but it was evident and mentioned yesterday so many times over and over about law enforcement and the firefighters that went in to try to save others and put themselves right into harm's way.

We can only remember a few years ago here in the U.S. Capitol when 9/11 happened, and at that time the officers were telling people to clear the buildings as thousands of people left this Capitol, yet the officers stayed here to put themselves again in harm's way. So over and over again we have seen it on Capitol Hill with law enforcement, and we have to be so respectful of law enforcement and firefighters.

In today's case, talking about a wonderful individual, I rise today to support H.R. 5434, a bill to name the post office in Chillicothe, Ohio, in the 18th District I represent, in honor of Police Officer Larry Cox. I also want to thank Rob Cogan of our staff and Denise Wilson of Government Reform for making this bill possible today.

Officer Cox was a man of dignity and compassion, a 19-year veteran of the Chillicothe police force in Chillicothe, Ohio. Officer Cox was a devoted law enforcement official who had dedicated his life to one of our Nation's noblest fights, keeping our children away from drugs.

As a DARE officer, Officer Cox was able to provide impressionable elementary school students with the guidance and support that many could not find anywhere else. Having been a star athlete growing up, Officer Cox knew the pressures these young students face, and he was always quick to offer a kind word and listening ear to any student who needed a little extra attention.

On the evening of Thursday, April 21, 2005, as Officer Cox walked home from visiting his parents, he surprised a fleeing robbery suspect, who then shot him in an utterly senseless act of violence. He was 44 years old. Officer Larry Cox is survived by his wife, Teresa, and his son, Evan, as well as his parents and sister.

It is times like these that we can question sometimes the world we live in, but we must not let the senseless act blind us from the good that is around, the compassion of our teachers, the innocence of our children, and the ultimate bravery of our law enforcement officials. For it is these things that Officer Cox was born of and ultimately died for.

So I stand here today to honor the life of Officer Larry Cox, to honor each and every law enforcement official that risks his or her life to protect the most treasured pieces of our community. Officer Cox understood these treasures. Officer Cox years ago, I believe, looked